



DANIEL EIGHT

In Daniel 8, the prophet Daniel has yet another vision. This takes place two years after chapter seven and his last vision. This vision involves two animals, a Ram and a Male Goat. The vision is explained by Gabriel, the angel.

- A. In the vision Daniel is in Susa, which is the capital of Persia**
- this is where Nehemiah is 100 years later (Neh 1:1)
 - Daniel is there in the vision, not "literally"

1. Daniel sees a two horned ram that is thrusting itself every direction except East (4)
 - The ram "magnified" itself (4)
2. Then Daniel sees a male goat, with a horn between its eyes (5)
 - the male goat destroys the ram (7)
 - the male goat "magnifies" itself (8)

- B. The horn of the goat was broken and four other horns grew**
- out of one of those horns came a small horn that became great (9)

- C. Gabriel explains this vision to Daniel (16)**
- Gabriel spoke to Zechariah (LK 1:19) and Mary (Lk 1:26)

The ram represents the Medes & Persians (20)
The goat is Greece (21)
- The little horn came from Greece (22)

The Little Horn

1. Caused some of Heaven to fall (10)
2. Magnified self equal to God (11)
3. Altered the sacrifice to God

This was to last for 2,300 days

1. Unlike the other visions and dreams, there are only two kingdoms in this vision
The middle kingdoms of Medes and Greeks
2. After the death of Alexander the Great, the kingdom was divided among his top four commanders
3. Historically, it is believed that the little horn is Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 B.C.) (v. 23-25)
A Greek commander that rose up and became a ruler
He tried to invade Egypt but was thrown back. He went to Judea and captured Jerusalem
 - he viewed himself as greater than God
 - he stopped the daily sacrifices
 - built an altar to Zeus in the temple compound
 - offered a pig on the altar
 - slaughtered thousands of Jews
4. Eventually Antiochus will be brought down (25b)
5. This vision made Daniel sick (27)



For Daniel, starting in Babylonian captivity, this vision isn't what he'd want to hear

After the 70 years of captivity Judah would go back home to Jerusalem
When the Greeks were in power, more hardships would come

- This vision takes place 400 years later